

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the current application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 5 are amended and claims 2 and 4 are cancelled. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are independent claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the Examiner Interview conducted on March 10, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner stated she would allow the present application without the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) if Applicants incorporated the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 4 into the independent claims. In accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 3, and 5 incorporating the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 4. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 1, 3 and 5 be withdrawn, and submit that the present application is in a condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raheli et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,079, hereinafter “Raheli”) and further in view of Milan et al. (U.S. Patent Publication NO. 2006/0117127, hereinafter “Milan”). As stated above, Applicants have incorporated the allowed subject matter of claims 2 and 4 into claims 1, 3 and 5. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of each of claims 1, 3 and 5 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120 extension fee herewith.

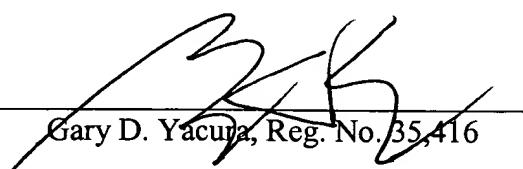
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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